

THE MAINE SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES COMMISSION

Substance Abuse Report Card 2008

Evaluation criteria:

- 2006 Join Together Blue Print Recommendations to the States Yardsticks to measure Maine's progress¹
- Statistics monitoring cost, morbidity and mortality in Maine²

Leadership/Structure & Sustainability

- Cabinet level leadership for Office of Substance Abuse, with strategy encompassing all agencies affected by Alcohol/Drug problems.
- Alcohol/Drug Advisory Commission with staff and authority to hold elected officials accountable for providing needed leadership.
- System of Drug Courts across state.
- Supported Community Coalitions for prevention and education.
- Recovery oriented system of care.

TBD

Resources

- Funds allocated for alcohol and drug related spending, including sources such as alcohol taxes.
- Licensing and educational development for prevention and treatment workforce.

TBD

Legislative Initiatives

- Best practice policies/legislation in place controlling alcohol and drugs, including alcohol control boards.
- Review and repeal laws and regulations preventing the successful reintegration of recovering individuals.

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Measurement & Accountability

- Agencies and contracted providers are held accountable for meeting identified outcomes.
- Cost Report of Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Maine.
- Levels of drug related use and consequences; e.g. poisoning, death, treatment levels and access, arrests, etc.

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TBD = These will become the actual grades for the first report presentation to the HHS Committee in 2009.

¹ Blueprint for the States: Policies to Improve the Ways States Organize and Deliver Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Treatment, Join Together (2006), Boston University School of Public Health.

² The Cost of Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Maine: 2005, Maine Office of Substance Abuse, October 2007.